

THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**WILL MEET IN ANNUAL SESSION T
DAY AT MOUNT VERNON.**

**Some of the Members Have Arrived
Several Important Topics to Be Co
sidered—A New Tomb May Be S
gested—Officers to Be Elected.**

The sister corporation left her wharf at 6 o'clock last evening for Mount Vernon, carrying down the officers and regents of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. The party numbered about fourteen ladies, all of whom were finely dressed, and many of them had trunks, indicating that they contemplated having a long stay. The boat reached her destination shortly after 6 o'clock, and the distinguished party was received at the wharf by Col. Dodge, superintendent of the place.

Among the lady regents were Mrs. L. McAlister Loughton, Mrs. Ella Bass,

Washington, of West Virginia; Mrs. F. E. Ewa, of Georgia; Miss Alice Longfellow of Cambridge, Mass.; Mrs. M. T. Barnum of Columbia; Mrs. M. J. M. Seavey of Maine, secretary of the association; Mrs. Nancy W. Halstead, of New Jersey; Mrs. J. Van Rensselaer Townsend, of New York; Mrs. L. M. Walker, of North Carolina; Mrs. E. L. Broodwell, of Cincinnati; Mrs. C. L. Kleg, of Vermont; Mrs. E. R. Ball, of Virginia; Mrs. E. Rathbone of Michigan, and Miss Emily Harper, Maryland, and others.

at the house made some inspections of the grounds and of the house, and seemed much pleased with the appearances of the place. The session of the association begins to-morrow morning, and it will, as also all the sessions, be held in secret. The first business in order will be the reading of the report of annual address of Mrs. Laughton, president of the association. This will be followed by the reading of the reports of the various officers and that of Superintendent Dodge. There is not likely to be anything beyond the regular matter brought before the attention of the association. Improvements about the grounds will be talked about, and possibly

vacancies in the board of regents may be filled. This last matter has occasioned the latest end of trouble, and is as difficult of solution as the tariff question is to politicians. The requirements for admission to the "charter circle" are envied by so many that have to be closely inquired into. It is discussed that in doing so it causes faction. Last year this state of affairs existed to a degree that the contending factions were

very strained in their bearing toward another. There are to be some so-called contracts let, and the matter of improving the tomb of Washington will also take considerable of the time of the association. Canon Wilberforce's mark that a marble tomb should replace the present structure has caused many of the ladies to agree with him, and it was not by a surprise should they adopt a resolution appealing to the people of the country.

selection of officers may lead to interesting developments, and, though not talked of loudly, yet a sentiment is said to prevail with a certain class of people looking to the selection of officers from among their own number. The season will continue several days, and the public will only get such details as the ladies fit to give out.

**Listen to Arguments and Decide a
Their Powers.**

The interstate commerce commission yesterday heard Mr. John C. Gault, general manager of the Queen and Crescent system, on the question of that system for a suspension of the long haul clause. Mr. Gault said that the road was in close proximity to the Mississippi river.

the company to charge less for a long haul than for a short haul if it was to secure any portion of the traffic between points reached by the lines. The steamship companies fixed their rates every day according to such a price as would secure them the trade and the railroads had to conform to those rates. In answer to Chairman Connelley, Mr. Ganit said that heretofore the larger tonnage had secured cheaper rates than small tonnage because of the fact that the south was poorer than the north, and the north, because of the war, and the towns, by loading more

Gen. Black, commissioner of pensions on behalf of the managers of the National Veteran Soldiers' Home, requested that the commission make a statement to the effect that

inmates of soldiers' homes. The board has notified that the law prevented the continuance of the practice. Several of the members of the commission expressed a belief the law did not prohibit the custom, but action was taken, although the commission were evidently in favor of granting Gen. Black's request. Representative Cabell, on behalf of the board of trade of Danville, Va., complained since the Richmond and Danville road had acquired control of the Virginia Midland and

The commission sent a letter to J. H. Hart, traffic manager of the Minnesota and Northwestern railroad, defining to some extent the power of the commission. The commission said Congress had passed the act defining the charging of tolls for short hauls as being wrong, and that only exceptional cases warranted such treatment.

injury which might result from this course must be borne for the general good, as gross evidence was of opinion that its more than counterbalanced any incidental injuries that might occur. The commission has no power to question the correctness of this opinion, but must simply execute the law as framed and to propose changes that seem desirable. It could, therefore, grant his request for a suspension of the first clause of the bill until it had time to be satisfied that the circumstances surrounding the road were exceptional and peculiar.

CHESTER-CUSHING NUPTIAL
A Father Performs the Marriage
vice for His Son.
 The Fourth Street Metropolitan Church, Capitol Hill, was crowded last night to witness the marriage of Rev. William Chester, Rev. Dr. John Chester, pastor of the church, and Miss Bonnie Cushing. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride.

kept busy from 7 o'clock until 8 seating friends of the contracting parties who went to the church. The pulpit was beautifully decorated with choice flowers. The arrival of the bride party was duly announced by organist, Mr. William E. Hutchinson. He played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" which continued until the party reached the chancel rail.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Chester and Mrs. Cushing gave the bride away. The bride wore a cream colored satin

Virginia Will Be Republican.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.
GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, May 18.—James V. time, John Dray, and Charles Brower fatally injured by the explosion of a boiler.

Assassinated by Americans.
CITY OF MEXICO, May 18.—Two Americans are reported, assassinated. Enniguel B. manager of the Hacienda Tomil. The peasants were arrested,
